



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Central Coast Region



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### Instructions for completing enrollment forms for the Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Agriculture

#### **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: January 1, 2005**

Please note that on-line enrollment is available and is strongly encouraged. To enroll on-line, visit the Central Coast Regional Board website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast>. Click on "Agricultural Waivers" on the left side of the page, then click on "On-line Enrollment". The information required is the same as in the hard copy forms. On-line enrollment will allow you to file annual reports and update management practice checklists easily, and allows for more timely communication with the Regional Board.

#### **Notice of Intent (NOI)**

The NOI is a one-page application form required for coverage under the Waiver. It must be submitted along with the Ranch Information/Management Practice Checklist Form, a ranch map, and any certificates of education.

"Applicant" refers to the person applying for coverage under the waiver, and may be the owner, operator, or manager.

"OIN/Permit Number" is the identification number assigned by the County Agricultural Commissioner and Department of Pesticide Regulation for pesticide applicators. If you do not have an OIN number, leave this blank. The Regional Board will assign an identification number and notify you so that you may reference it in the future.

"Hours of Education" refers to courses that have been certified by the Regional Board, such as the UC Cooperative Extension's Farm Water Quality Planning short course, Central Coast Vineyard Team tailgate meetings, and other workshops and seminars. You must attach copies of certificates supplied by those courses. Scanned documents may be attached to the on-line registration. For a complete list of certified courses, visit our website.

"Select Type of Monitoring" refers to the two options for satisfying the legal requirement for monitoring. You must select one of the options. Individual monitoring requires submittal and approval of a Quality Assurance Project Plan and electronic data, in accordance with the Waiver Order adopted by the Regional Board. Cooperative monitoring refers to a region-wide program being implementing by the agricultural industry. Participation in this option relieves individual applicants of monitoring data reporting requirements. The Cooperative Monitoring Program is being funded by the Regional Board for the first year, allowing growers to satisfy their legal requirement at no or minimal cost. For more information on the Cooperative Monitoring Program, contact Laura Giudici Mills at (831) 385-8008 or Kay Mercer at (805) 208-8039. You may change your monitoring option by filing a new NOI.

Attachments: To complete your enrollment, you must submit the Ranch Information/Management Practice Checklist, a map of the farming operation and certificates of education.

Certification: You must sign and submit the certification by mail.

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**Ranch Information/Management Practice Checklist**

The Ranch Information/Management Practice Checklist provides information on ranch operations, including crop type and estimated acreage, type of irrigation, total irrigated acres, the number of acres contributing to various types of discharge, and currently implemented or planned practices.

"Ranch Information" refers to contact information for the owner and operator, and the name and location of the ranch.

"Management Practice Checklist" lists strategies that may be employed to protect water quality. The checklist is divided into four categories, corresponding to the requirements of the farm water quality plan: erosion control, irrigation management, pesticide management and nutrient management. Check all strategies that you currently have in place or are planning to implement in the next three years. You may also indicate if strategies are not applicable to your operation. It is not necessary to check something in each row. At the end of each section, supply information on 1) how many acres have been completely treated (have all planned practices in place); 2) how many acres have been partially treated (have some planned practices in place); and 3) how many acres are not yet being treated (have practices planned but not yet in place).

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Two additional pages are provided to allow for submittal of additional information for cases in which a ranch is located in multiple sections or has multiple owners.

**Mail completed forms and all attachments to:**

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
Attn: Ag Waiver

If you have questions about the forms or other waiver requirements, please contact any of the following Regional Board staff:

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